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Non-Responsive Reply by Applicant

The reply filed on March 8, 2004 (Paper No. 8) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicants failed to point out the specific distinctions believed to render, *inter alia*, claims 10 and 11 patentable over the references by presenting arguments in support of the new claims. See 37 CFR 1.111 and M.P.E.P § 714.02. On page 12 of the Applicants' response, the Applicants state, "[c]laims 10 and 11 each depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1."

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicants' assertion that claim 1 is allowable and further notes that claim 1 has not been amended.

The Applicants have failed to show how the claims 10 and 11, (assuming claim 1 is not found allowable) define over the art of record. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicants are given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

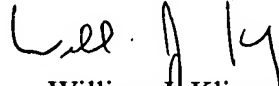
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (703) 305-3452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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